(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more such industries in the state; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, District-location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in Organised and Un-organised Sectors and the State-wise information regarding no. of food processing units is not maintained in this Ministry. As per Annual Survey of Industries (1993-94), there were 402 factories in the various sectors of food processing in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Setting up of industries would depend on various inter-related factors such as availability of processable varieties of raw materials at a reasonable prices over a long period, infrastructural facilities, marketing tie up etc.

Various steps taken by the Govt. from time to time *inter-alia* include policy measures, extension of financial assistance under the Plan Scheme of MFPI, fiscal concessions etc.

(d) and (e) Ministry do not set up any food processing unit directly in any State. However, the Ministry under its plan schemes, extends financial assistance to State Govt. Organisations/Cooperatives/ voluntary Organisations etc. for setting up/expansion modernisation of food processing units.

Opposition by Laghu Udyog Bharati

1286. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) has opposed Government's move to dereserve eighty more items alongwith 14 products meant to be exclusively manufactured by small scale industrial units; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Laghu Udyog Bharati vide their representation dated 23rd June, 1997 brought to the notice of the Government about a news item published in "Pioneer" dated the 14th June, 1997 "hinting at dereservation of 80 SSI items" and sought for invitation to attend the meeting whenever held to express their views.

(b) Reservation/dereservation is a continuous process and is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted by the Government under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. This Committee meets at regular intervals and recommends to the Government items to be added to and deleted from the reserved list. Interest of the small scale sector is always kept in view, whenever any suggestion is made with regard to changes in the reserved list. No meeting of the Advisory Committee has been held after the receipt of the above mentioned representation.

Turn around of Sick Public Sector Units

1287. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the sick public sector units is expected to turn around this year;

(b) if so, how such achievement could be possible; and

(c) whether an assessment will be made for such achievement and applied in other such cases?